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Brooklyn, Senior Partner.

Brooklyn is the senior partner now in New York City Republican affairs. Its enrolled voters at the primaries can prevent the nomination of any candidate for selection for city office.

Henry's Spark Plug Missing.

Says Henry Ford, contrasting his little railroad and the country's quarter of a billion of miles of roads: "There are too many stockholders in the other railroads. And you know what stockholders are good for. Not much. All they do is sit back and wait for dividends. They aren't of any help—except, of course, when a stockholder does pitch in and do a little work."

Magic in Decline.

Much as the passing of negro minstrelsy may be deplored, there is rarely a voice heard in behalf of the vanishing art of the prestidigitator, which has all but disappeared from our amusements. Formerly there were several eminent practitioners of the black art who travelled through the country with profit to themselves, playing long engagements in New York and other large cities to the delight of the public.

Our Position on Silesia.

Between the hot weather and the priority rights to chief place in public interest of the conference to limit armaments it is asking almost too much of the American public to display more than lukewarm concern over the diplomatic showdown the French and the English Foreign Office are developing over the partition of Upper Silesia between Poland and Germany.

Encourage Apprentice Jockeys.

Races exclusively for horses ridden by apprentice jockeys serve a good purpose and more of them should be arranged at the various courses on the Jockey Club circuit.

What a Spending Tax Might Do.

The following letter on taxes in general, the proposed spending tax in particular, merits comment: "Relative to the spending tax proposed by Representative Miller and to my interesting editorial thereon, may I express the hope that the writer of the editorial will give the public his views of the limit of exemptions and the rate of a spending tax which might be expected to produce the necessary tax and permit the repeal of taxes which are generally agreed to be oppressive and dangerous?"

A Noah's Ark Post Office.

Not a single thing can be said in favor of retaining the outgrown, outworn and altogether good for nothing down town post office in its present quarters, the Federal Building, that any construction engineer of standing, any commanding industrial leader, any first class business manager would listen to. It is not fit for an efficient post office organization and it cannot be made so. It is not fit for a United States court house and it cannot be made so. It is not fit for anything but to be scrapped.

Dog Days Are Here.

Canicula shining on us from fifty trillions of miles away. To THE NEW YORK HERALD: The 25th day of July has ushered in the beginning of dog days—the season of sultry discomfort. Previous to this season most of us have at times been very uncomfortable from heat and humidity.

The Check Stamp Tax.

It has been tried before and has proved a success. To THE NEW YORK HERALD: Thank you for the pithy, plain talk on the check stamp tax. To my vision it carries a halo of commercial sense.

Another Kind of Tax.

To THE NEW YORK HERALD: But why revive the stamp tax on checks? True, it would create an estimated minimum of \$3,500,000,000 for Government needs by the annual use of 175,000,000 two cent check stamps, but it is entirely improbable that we would raise even \$20,000,000 a year by the use of 1,000,000,000 of them.

Detroit's New Bridge.

Our Coming Link With Canada a Span 1,906 Feet Long. To THE NEW YORK HERALD: Detroit's suspension bridge will see the 1,750 foot span of Philadelphia's great structure and go it 55 feet better. It will swing over a stretch of 1,805 feet with 100 feet clearance above water level at the lowest dip of the suspending cables. The Philadelphia bridge clearance, like that of the big New York bridges, is 135 feet.

Express Charges.

Ninety Cents the Cost of Transporting a Valise in the City. To THE NEW YORK HERALD: The New York Transfer Company charges 90 cents to take a small empty valise or a small trunk or anything, even a bag weighing but a few pounds, anywhere about the city. The pre-war price was 25 cents.

Railroads Criticized.

Business Methods a Factor in the Competition of Automobiles. To THE NEW YORK HERALD: Will the railroads ever recover? If the steam railroad managers have not sufficient ability to compete with the automobile for passenger travel and with the motor trucks for freight traffic they are doomed.

Theatre Men Plead for Tax Repeal.

Closed Theatres and Unemployed Actors in Background of Producers' Appeal. Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD: New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., July 29: A dark picture of the condition of the motion picture and theatre business was given to the House Ways and Means Committee to-day by William A. Brady, Saul E. Rogers and other New York men interested in the stage and the screen.

Helping the War Tax.

From the Motion Picture Progress. "It said that a certain young lady who attended the recent picnic at fourteen loaves of bread, and that she had been told that she could have eaten that many more had she been feeling well. A young girl with three Jersey cows and a five gallon freezer might make a big hit with her."

A Well Armed Deer.

From the Median (N. Y.) Tribune. A hunter in Nova Scotia shot a deer about five years old. The animal had two sets of antlers. The one set were in the natural place and the other were further back on the head.

Double Measure.

Mrs. Knicker-Do you treat your cook like one of the family? Mrs. Becker-No, we have to treat her like two of the family.

Such Stuff as Dreams Are Made On.

"It will have to have our savings securely tucked away in Uncle Sam's savings bank. There is no bursting bubble to fill with pay-off. We have not any trouble in sleeping sound at night. Yet there is sweeter slumber than that beneath the moon. When daily jobs enumber we have to rise too soon. And hence we are beseeching Some riches on the way. Investments we are seeking That let us sleep by day."

APPROVE BENNETT LAND SALE.

The sale of two tracts of land in Yonkers by the James Gordon Bennett Memorial Home for New York Journalists Corporation was authorized yesterday by Supreme Court Justice Pitkin as White Plains. The property was sold at auction on July 15 and 18, and the court's sanction was necessary to give the buyers clear title, although the sale was authorized by the Bennett will and by vote of the corporation.

LOCAL WEATHER RECORDS.

father BILL Daly laid aside the enormous wooden scraper with which he was wont to sharpen the wits of the lads entrusted to his care, and to more riders of the calibre of MONTAGUE, GARRISON, LAMBLE, O'CONNOR and MAHER came from that school where "Treat 'em rough" was the first principle.

One great drawback to the development here of a jockey type similar to that of other countries is the dearth of weight for age races. Most contests in this country call for a low scale, and a rider who weighs more than 110 pounds gets little to show for it. The boy who can ride at 105 pounds or less makes the money.

Horses will not run as fast with heavier impostas, but there is a greater demand for stamina and weight carrying ability than mere speed, and it will add to the character of the sport if the horses are ridden by jockeys like those of other days who will find their careers only well begun at from 28 to 35, instead of indefinitely ended, as is the case under the system of to-day.

Senator GEORGE PAYNE McLEAN of Connecticut surprised his colleagues at a recent Senate debate by qualify-